

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A process for production of image cards comprising:
printing of a sheet so as to obtain a printed sheet with a plurality of images disposed in a plurality of windows, and
punching of said printed sheet so as to obtain a punched sheet with microperforations along the perimeter of said windows containing the image,
overprinting decorations on said image windows after printing of the images, and
depositing a protective layer on said decorations so as to fix them and avoid removal of material from the decorations.
2. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein said overprinting of decorations takes place before said punching.
3. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein said step of overprinting decorations takes place by hot transfer of decorations from a decorative foil.
4. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein said decorations comprise one of pigments ~~[[or]]~~ and flakes of noble metals, ~~such as gold, silver and the like.~~
5. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein said protective layer is a transparent varnish which is deposited on the decorations ~~by means of spraying or other means such as brushes, rollers, doctor blades and the like, and is subsequently dried by means of ultraviolet lamps.~~
6. (Original) A process according to claim 1 wherein said protective layer is a thin transparent film of plastic material.

7. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~wherein it comprises~~ further comprising a step of printing of writing, wherein ~~writings are~~ the writing is printed on the back surface of the punched sheet, in register with each image.
8. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 7, wherein said printing step takes place by means selected from the group consisting of a photocopying machine ~~[[or]]~~ and a printer.
9. (Currently Amended) A sheet comprising a plurality of display cards each comprising a window in which there is represented an image and in which the perimeter of each window has microperforations to allow removal of the single image card, wherein each window has a decorative coating overprinting the image and with a protective coating thereon.
10. (Currently Amended) An image card comprising a front surface on which an image is represented and a back surface on which writings are reproduced, wherein ~~[[on]]~~ the front surface of the card ~~there is provided~~ contains a decorative layer on which a protective layer is deposited.
11. (New) An image card comprising:
 - a sheet containing a plurality of images separated by perforations;
 - at least part of at least one of the images having a decorative layer thereon; and
 - at least part of the decorative layer having a protective layer thereon.
12. (New) The image card of claim 11, wherein all of the decorative layer has a protective layer thereon.
13. (New) The image card of claim 11, wherein the protective layer comprises varnish.

14. (New) The image card of claim 11, wherein the protective layer comprises a transparent film of plastic material.
15. (New) The image card of claim 11, further comprising writings on the back surface of the sheet.
16. (New) The image card of claim 11, wherein the decorative layer comprises decorative foil.
17. (New) The image card of claim 11, wherein the decorative layer comprises pigments or flakes of noble metals.
18. (New) The image card of claim 17, wherein the noble metals are selected from the group consisting of gold, silver, and a combination of gold and silver.
19. (New) A process according to claim 4, wherein the noble metals are selected from the group consisting of gold, silver, and a combination of gold and silver.
20. (New) A process according to claim 5, wherein the varnish is deposited by means selected from the group consisting of spraying, brushes, rollers, and doctor blades, and the varnish is subsequently dried by ultraviolet lamps.